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Mr. Kurt T. Werner
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Dear Mr. Werner:

This is in response to your letter of February 5, 1999 to me in which you requested that the Environmental Protection Agency add 1,1,1,2,2,3,3-heptafluoro-3-methoxy-propane ($\text{n-C}_3\text{F}_7\text{OCH}_3$) to the list of volatile organic compounds of negligible photochemical reactivity that should be exempt from regulation under State implementation plans. We have received the information you submitted and will evaluate the merits of your request. Reviews of such petitions have been taking from 1 to 2 years due to the backlog of petitions. We will notify you when we have made a decision your petition. If you have further questions, please contact Bill Johnson at 919-541-5245.

I appreciate this opportunity to be of service and trust that this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Seitz".

John S. Seitz
Director
Office of Air Quality Planning
and Standards